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TOPIC Military Information from the Zeithain Troop Training Grounds

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REFERENCES

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REMARKS

This is UNEVALUATED Information

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On 8 March 1954, T-34/85 tanks [redacted] arrived at the Zeithain training area from the direction of Riesa. On 9 March, 8 trucks, each towing a 122-mm field howitzer; 4 trucks with 2 field kitchens and each occupied by about 20 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets; and 1 ambulance left Camp Zeithain toward Koenigsbrueck.

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In the afternoon, 3 T-34/85 tanks, [redacted] practiced in the training area. At about 5 p.m., T-34/85 tanks [redacted] and 4 trucks, each occupied by about 25 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets; [redacted]

[redacted] left the training area toward Riesa. On 10 March, a column of 5 trucks towing 2 x 76-mm AT guns and occupied by a total of about 50 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets; 1 jeep [redacted] radio truck [redacted]

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[redacted] and M-3 armored personnel carriers [redacted] passed through Zeithain. On 11 March, JS-1 tanks [redacted] left the training area for Riesa. At about 8 p.m., 12 trucks towing 8 x 122-mm field howitzers and [redacted]

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[redacted] 1 ambulance entered Camp Zeithain. At about 10 p.m., 4 rocket launchers and 3 trucks returned to the camp from the direction of Koenigsbrueck. In the evening on 11 March, a column of about 20 trucks, [redacted] and towing [redacted]

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12 x 82-mm mortars, was seen en route to Oschatz, coming from the direction of Koenigsbrueck. In the morning on 12 March, M-3 armored personnel carriers [redacted]

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[redacted] 2 four-wheel armored personnel carriers, [redacted] BA-64 armored scout cars [redacted] and half-track armored personnel carriers [redacted] each occupied by 8 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, arrived at the training area from the direction of Oschatz.

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Comment.

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continuous training at Zeithain of the 9th Tank Div from the
Riesa and Oschatz posts. some of the
units were stationed in Zeithain for 1 day only. which tends to indicate that
they engaged in firing practices.

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elements of the 8th Gds Mech Div were also at Zeithain.

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